



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: JEFFREY A.
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SERIAL NO.: 09/801,016 § EXAMINER: ELLA COLBERT

FOR: "Method and Process for Providing §

Relevant Data, Comparing Proposal §
Alternatives, and Reconciling §
Proposals, Invoices, and Purchase §
Orders with Actual Costs in a §

Workflow Process" §

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please amend the Claims as indicated in the enclosed Status of the Claims. Please note that in amending the claims, the applicant has taken into consideration the renumbering by the Office of Claims 15-129 to now be Claims 15-130.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested for Claims 1-4, 15, 22-25, 34, 51, 54, 64-65, 88-89, 96, and 100-102, said claims having been objected to by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C.

112.

We do appreciate the suggestions made by the examiner.

There has been a long history in the United States Patent Office of accepting specifications and claims which used the "and/or" language, in which the language is not objected to under 35 U.S.C. 112. However, because the amended language of the specification and claims is identical in meaning to the language embodying the "and/or" language, in order to place the application in condition for allowance, we have made the amendments as suggested by the examiner. Claim 1, however, has been amended to recite that the data is obtained from any source relating to the project.

A Substituted Abstract is enclosed and amended to eliminate the "and/or" language.

A Substituted Specification is enclosed and similarly amended.

It is our belief that the claims are now in prima facie condition for allowance. However, should the examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the further handling of this manner, the undersigned counsel for the applicant would appreciate a call at 713-355-4200.

Date

Respectfully submitted,

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